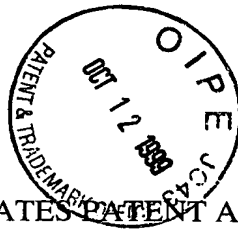


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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this statement in accordance with his duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97-1.98. This statement is filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3), before the first Office action on the merits.

Copies of the references identified in the International Search Report, along with the International Search Report itself, together with a listing on form PTO 1449 are submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the cited reference and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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